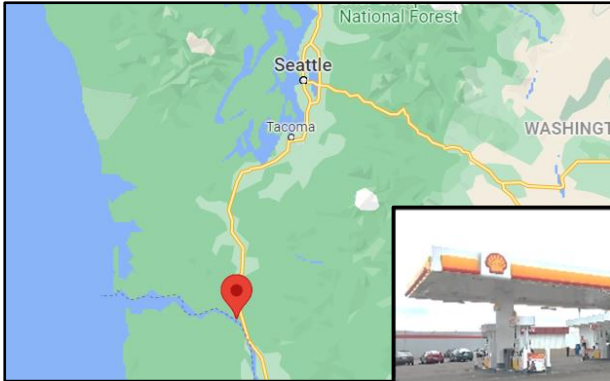




Pollution Liability Insurance Agency

Commercial Underground Storage Tank Loan and Grant Program

Quick Stop#4 Longview, Cowlitz County, Washington



Quick Stop#4 in Cowlitz County.



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Quick Stop#4 is a family-owned and operated convenience store and gas station serving the community of Longview for over 20 years. The station employs 1 part-time and 5 full-time employees.

The Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) received a Loan and Grant Program application for financial assistance to remove and replace five aging underground storage tanks (USTs) at the station. At the time of application, the tanks were 55 years old.

Old tanks are more costly to insure because of the greater risk of leaking. Gasoline and diesel leaks threaten human health and the environment, and are expensive to clean up. Replacing the tanks was necessary at Quick Stop#4 so that the station maintained insurability and to mitigate further leaks.

In 2017, PLIA awarded Quick Stop#4 a grant of up to \$150,000 to conduct a Preliminary Planning Assessment (PPA). The PPA tests for contamination and prepares cost estimates for infrastructure. No environmental testing had been performed on the property prior to the PPA. The PPA revealed that the USTs had leaked gasoline and diesel into soil and groundwater.



Removing concrete above USTs. Photo credit: Vertex.



Removed diesel tank. Photo credit: Vertex.

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Construction began in October 2019. Five USTs and 3,873.56 tons of contaminated soil were removed. Efforts also included pumping contaminated groundwater out of the tank pit at the time of tank removal. Remaining pollution in groundwater is decreasing and continues to be monitored quarterly until the state cleanup levels are met.

Quick Stop #4 received insurance funds from PLIA's UST Reinsurance Program to pay for the cleanup and a \$700,000 loan award from Loan and Grant Program to supplement construction costs and to pay for infrastructure. Loan dollars funded:

- Installation of a new, 22,000-gallon, double steel wall tank with 3 compartments and a fiberglass coating.
- Double wall piping.
- New canopy.
- An electric vehicle charging station to be installed in 2022.

The new tank has been installed and re-fueling operations resumed in summer 2020.

For more information on PLIA's Commercial UST Loan and Grant Program please contact Jamie Hays, Program Coordinator, at jamie.hays@plia.wa.gov.



Installation of wells for groundwater extraction. Photo credit: Vertex.



Installation of new multi-chambered UST. Photo credit: Vertex.

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